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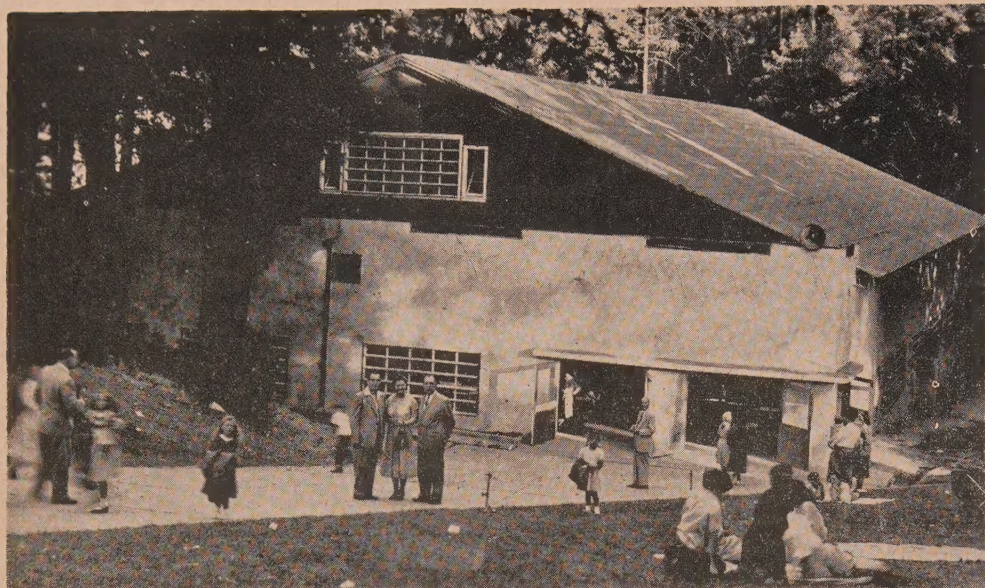


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THE TABERNACLE AT BETHANY PARK has been stuccoed on the outside and plastered on the inside. Many men worked hard to get it ready in time for the camp meeting. The three facing the camera are Kenneth Haystead, assistant superintendent and manager of the camp, and Pastor and Mrs. F. A. Sturgeon of Oakland.

The 1953 camp meeting in Bethany Park was another great convocation of Pentecostal Christians who enjoyed fellowship together and the blessings of the Lord, both through the ministry of the Word and the anointing of His Spirit. All the departments had a successful season. And money enough was received to cover the cost of the improvements that had to be made to conform with the State fire marshal's regulations and which greatly improved the buildings in appearance and utility.

It was good to be at Bethany Park again this season.

RULES FOR DAILY LIVING

Begin the day with God;

Kneel down to Him in prayer;

Lift up the heart to His abode,

And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God,

And read a portion there;

That it may hallow all thy thoughts,

And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,

What'er thy work may be;

Where'er thou art—at home, abroad,

He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God,

Thy sins to Him confess;

Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,

And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God,

Who gives His servants sleep;

And when thou treadst the vale of death,

He will thee guard and keep.

—Selected.

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Often on Sunday morning there is a debate between ought to and auto.

THE DAY'S NEEDS

Each day I pray, God give me strength anew,

To do the task I do not wish to do;

To yield obedience, not asking why;

To love and own the truth and scorn the lie;

To look a cold world bravely in the face;

To cheer for those who pass me in the race;

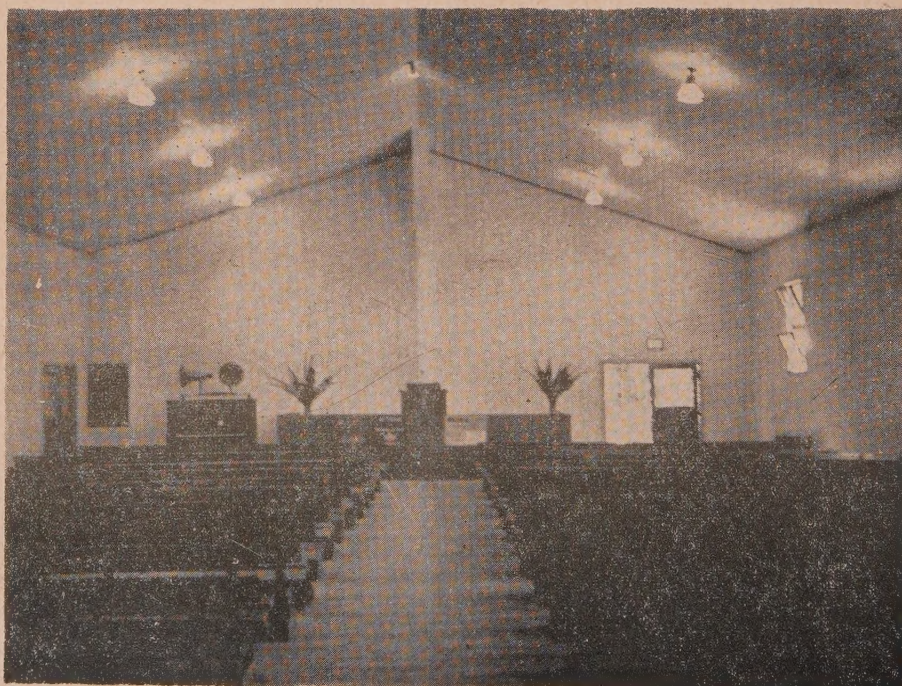
To bear my burdens gayly, unafraid;

To lend a hand to those that need my aid;

To measure what I am by what I give;

God, give me strength that I might rightly live!

Front page picture by Don Muhm



THE REAR CHAPEL IN THE TABERNACLE seats about 500. After services in the main auditorium, it is used as the prayer room. It was the place where the morning Bible studies were held and the W.M.C. missionary meetings were conducted each evening of the camp.

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The Business of Prayer

Let me see to it that there are spaces of silence and solitude in my daily life, times consecrated to the business of prayer. There will be days when some great need almost irresistibly drives me to God. There is some problem that baffles me; some difficult decision that I have to make. And I go apart to set the matter in the light of God's presence, to think it over with Him, to wait until from a tangle of confused motives and impulses some clear direction shall arise. Or it may be some sorrow that sends me to God's feet, some disappointment, some inward hurt received in life's battle. There is a relief in such a turning to God.—*Francis B. James*

Your Thoughts Will Kill You

by Martin Luther Davidson

Thoughts of the Heart

The thoughts of the heart rise for the character or moral nature that you are. These are your real thoughts; these thoughts are the real you. Says the wise man, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." This is an undeniable axiom. It is one of the basic principles of psychology. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." One cannot fake or belie these thoughts to himself. He may disguise them from his neighbors, but down in his real self, his secret self, he knows they are there. Your thoughts are you.

Two Kinds of Thinkers

The simplest student of the Scriptures realizes there are two kinds of thinkers revealed in the Bible: evil thinkers and righteous thinkers. It goes without saying that the thoughts of each of these spring from the nature of the heart. The righteous thinker thinks on the righteousness of God. The Psalmist says, "His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Please note this is a habitual thing, not an occasional reflection of God. It is the indulgence of a delight that is natural to the righteous. The greater our delight and indulgence of the Lord the more certain our thoughts are righteous. Paul sets before us the character of the thought-life of the righteous in Philippians 4:8. He says, "Whatsoever things are true (how much is your meditation on TRUTH?), whatsoever things are honest (pause here and examine yourself and not your neighbor.), whatsoever things are just (nothing is just if not so judged by God), whatsoever things are pure (this is a true characteristic of heaven), whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." This is truly the thought-life of the truly righteous. I beg you to have a camp meeting on this passage for thirty days and you will be amazed at the revolution of your own thought-life. Evil thinkers think on the evils of sin. Jesus reveals the nature of the thought life of the evil thinker in Matthew 15:19, said He, "Out of the heart proceedeth evil thoughts (or reasonings), murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Only a fool would dispute the factuality of this statement. And, Jesus adds in the next verse, "These are the things that defile a man." In this divine utterance is simplicity and profundity. It may also be otherwise stated: You are what you possessively think. This is overwhelmingly true in making or destroying you mentally, morally, and physically. From these observations one can well say your thoughts reveal your true nature. Did not Jesus say, "Out of the abundance of

Thoughts of the head and thoughts of the heart, or soul. Mistake not, I am not implying there is a dual consciousness; this would make us dual personalities. However, there is a dual source or nature of thoughts. This dual factor is brought to light in Paul's letter to the Philippians. In chapter 4, verse 7, he says, "Shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Other passages of the New Testament corroborate this truth. Peter said to Simon the Sorcerer, "If the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Acts 8:22. The most explicit passage is found in Hebrews 4:12. Here the apostle says the word of God "is a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart." Not merely a discerner of the thoughts, but also a discerner of the intents of the heart.

Passing Thoughts of the Mind

These are the harmless thoughts that pass through the heavens of our consciousness like drifting clouds. No one is ever totally free from these thoughts; if so, he would be beyond the power of temptation. These are the thoughts that come from without. Many are the causes of their provocation. They are harmless unless the character of such is evil and lodge in the mind and enter the heart. James says, "Then when lust (improper thoughts) hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin." (James 1:15) A wide berth should be given to this text for its truth is of cardinal significance. We are not able to halt this invasion, but we can drive them out with the power of the Spirit and the Word. Even David seemed to have a battle with vain thoughts. He said, "I hate VAIN thoughts." Vain means divided or double. Every genuine Christian desires an "eye single to the glory of God." The true nature of a Christian is revealed in his hatred of vain thoughts. No evil thought can possess a Christian so long as this God-born hatred remains.



MARTIN LUTHER DAVIDSON, camp evangelist, speaks in the tabernacle.

"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."—Proverbs 23:7. "... Son remember"—Luke 16:25. Who can fully estimate the power of thought? He who would do so must encompass every thought of every mind, every word ever spoken, every book ever written. He would have to go out beyond the realm of this world, for out there are rational beings in the "spirit world" who think and speak. Nor would that be enough, he must follow every soul that leaves this earth, for though dead he still speaks and thinks. He would have to know the power of every thought for good or bad. Thoughts never die and their influence lives on forever unless overcome by a more powerful thought. The thoughts of Jesus, called His Words, printed in the New Testament, are as powerful now as they were when uttered nearly two thousand years ago. Thoughts transcend time and space, and they travel with eternity.

All those things which we call the achievements of man are the results of his thoughts. Everything artificial and mechanical comes from human thought. The sky-scraper that towers as a monument to God's allowed human genius was first a thought in one or more human minds. Likewise, the steel ribbons that girdle our continent, making the path for the steam horse, and the man-made birds, planes, that fly through the heavens were thoughts in the mind of man. All the acts of man are the results of his thoughts, whether consciously or unconsciously.

Thinking is one thing we all do more or less. Have you ever stopped to consider that as an infant you started thinking never to cease. The infant that looks up puzzled for the first time into its mother's face starts mental processes from which it will never cease here or hereafter. From now on you will always be thinking—dead or alive, saint or sinner! Even being asleep does not keep one from thinking. While your conscious mind may be at rest your subconscious mind is thinking. Your dreams are proof of it.

You will never have the power to stop your thinking. The angels can't stop you; demons will have no power to halt you; God will have no reason to stop you; the devil will have no disposition to stop you—He will only add to the agony of your thinking if you fall into hell. You are a thinker forever! How important our thoughts must be! Little wonder the wise man said, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." The Book of Books reveals there are two kinds of thoughts.

the heart the mouth speaketh"? Furthermore, one's possessive thinking will mold the nature he is to become. Here is a field of truth that needs to be fully examined. But, I caution, the unregenerate man cannot know himself, for the prophet says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it?" Jer. 17:9. It is the very height of folly to turn to psychiatry in the hope of knowing one's self, or trusting to find a cure-all for the mind.

Your Thoughts Will Kill You

Haven't we seen, within the limits of God's providence, that thoughts have a making or breaking power. Of this every intelligent person is conscious. But just here we are interested in impressing on you the fact that your evil thoughts can kill you, or destroy and damn you forever. There are many illustrations to this effect.

Your Thought Habits Affect You Physically

It is now recognized everywhere that one cannot be in good physical health if he is not in good mental health. No one is ever in good mental health when obsessed with evil thoughts. Contrary to the teachings of Christian Science, sinful thoughts are not eliminated by a gallant exercise of the mind. The mind in its evil, fallen state has no power to think its self good. The nature of the thinker must be changed by divine power. If distressing thoughts can make an ill person then hellish thought can damn.

Your Thought Habits Affect You Mentally

Like food to your body, so are your thoughts to the mind. Food becomes a part of you physiologically just as your thoughts become a part of you mentally. These bodies of ours have the power of assimilation and elimination. God invested them with such power. Up to a point the body can eliminate poison, but beyond that the poison destroys this rare gift of the body and the body also. So it is with the mind. Fill the mind with evil thoughts and one sad day the evil thoughts will possess the mind instead of the mind commanding the thoughts. When man comes to this stage he is already dead spiritually.

Truth has the power to preserve; lie has the power to damn. Drift on with your evil thinking and eventually and inevitably you will be swept into the gates of hell where the wailing damned will cry out forever "Son Remember." Memory is one thing you can never get away from. If there were no memory there could be no future. Without memory there could be no sense of individuality. Memory makes possible identity. Heaven will be made sweeter and hell more bitter by the power of memory. SON, REMEMBER.

Life More Abundant

by Leonard Weston

O King, live forever! So the courtier of old honored his king. The hidden desire of every heart was framed as a prayer for the master of all. The royal custom has all but vanished, but the hope of enduring life abides. The Eternal God offers the yearning heart this assurance and direction, "*This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*" John 17:3. The assurance: there is eternal life for you. The direction: acquaint yourself with the Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

The vastness of the creation attests God's greatness; the complexity of His handiwork declares His wisdom. But these alone do not satisfy one's soul. The Word of God reveals the quality of His Being: He is holy; the nature of His will: it is benevolent; the tenor of His Spirit: it is love. These we can appreciate. These and much more we discover in the Word.

In Jesus Christ, these qualities find dimension. He demonstrates them on the plane of human experience. He reassures the doubting; the broken He makes whole; distorted lives are brought to focus by His touch. Seeing this, we are inspired to pray, "Lord take my life with its fears and ills and sins. Cleanse and make me whole." The Word confirms our expectations, for it fairly sings, "*He loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings.*"

Now the way opens to a rich and rewarding acquaintance in the fellowship of prayer. Here we come to know Him in the power of His Holy Spirit. Whatever else we may say about God, He is functional. He operates in the realm of the physical and the moral by the working of His Spirit. "*If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*" Rom. 8:11. And again, "*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*" 2 Cor. 3:18. Oh, the unspeakable glory of knowing the God and Saviour of Scripture in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit!

Is this the sum total of eternal life as we are to know it this side of Heaven? By no means. This is wonderful, but

this is not all. The life that comes with knowing God flows like a river. Nay, "*rivers of living water*" said Jesus. Life in the Holy Spirit is bigger than a man. It is freighted with more grace and blessing than one can retain. "*Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come unto you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me. . . .*" Those who know by Word and Spirit will know Him in the arena of daily life. "*And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.*"

These are the ultimates. Between the place of prayer and the occasions for the "mighty works" there come myriad opportunities to bear the burdens of others, to share in labors of love, to manifest the spirit and mind of Christ. What glory floods the soul when the humble ministries are the outflow of the love of Christ from a Spirit-filled life. Then when the testings come, when the battle is joined in spiritual combat, one can rejoice, for "*In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*" By the Word, through the Spirit, in the experience of life "*I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able. . . .*" "*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*"

NO TIME

I knelt to pray, but not for long,
I had too much to do,
Must hurry off and get to work,
For bills will soon be due.
And so I said a hurried prayer,
Jumped up from off my knees;
My Christian duty now was done,
My soul could now be at ease
All through the day I had no time
To speak a word of cheer,
No time to speak of Christ to friends—
They'd laugh at me, I feared.
No time, no time, too much to do—
That was my constant cry;
No time to give to those in need—
At last 'twas time to die.
And when before the Lord I came,
I stood with downcast eyes;
Within His hands He held a book,
It was the book of life.
God looked into His book and said,
"Your name I cannot find,
I once was going to write it down
But never found the time."

Faith and Truth.

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What To Do With Leftovers

by J. Narver Gortner

Extravagance is a sin. Frugality is a virtue. Frugality has been defined as "prudent economy." Crabbe wrote of

"The wise frugality that does not give
A life to saving, but that saves to live."

Clement of Alexandria who flourished toward the close of the second century wrote a notable treatise designed for the instruction of new converts to Christianity to an age when many among the heathen were accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord, and he entitled it, "The Instructor." He made it clear that by the "Instructor" he meant the Word, and that by the Word he meant both the written Word and the living Word, the living Word being none other than the Lord Jesus Christ concerning whom John had written, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." He believed that the Lord Jesus was to be regarded as the authorized exponent of the written Word, and that He expounded it while here in the flesh, not merely by word of mouth, but by the life He lived.

Clement wrote, "Our superintendence in instruction and discipline is the office of the Word, from whom we learn frugality and humility, and all that pertains to love of truth, love of man, and love of excellence." He called frugality "the progeny of temperance." And of course we know that temperance is one of the elements of the fruit of the Spirit, for Paul wrote, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22, 23).

Extravagance, on the one hand, and frugality, on the other hand, are not frequently mentioned in sermons today. Seldom do we hear the one condemned or the other commended. I wonder why. Perhaps it is because this is such an extravagant age. Could it be that a good many of us who are preachers have been caught in a measure in the meshes of the age in which we live, and have become extravagant, or have never learned to be frugal, and we do not like to condemn ourselves? It is a lot easier to see the sins of other people than it is to see our own. Possibly among those of us who are preachers there are some who do not know experimentally what "prudent economy" is.

This is a day of high wages, and big salaries, and liberal pensions, and an abundance here in America of everything of a temporal and material nature. Not many among us nowadays are in real need. So why be frugal? And why preach frugality? It may be all right in some places, and at some times; but hardly here, and at this time. But the Bible is still true, and Jesus Christ is still "the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

It was Christ who said, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost," or as Moffatt renders it, "Gather

up the pieces left over, so that nothing may be wasted." John 6:12. Our Lord wanted the leftovers conserved for future use. The leftovers were just as good food as had been the food the multitude had eaten. And our Lord knew that there would be another day, and another need to be supplied. Why did He tell the disciples to gather up the fragments? Was it because He had exhausted His resources in the marvelous miracle He had just performed? That could not have been the reason, for His resources were not exhausted. They were no nearer exhaustion than they were before He had performed the miracle. On a subsequent occasion He performed a similar miracle, and on that occasion, as on this occasion, the fragments were gathered up. On that occasion seven baskets full, and on this occasion twelve baskets full. Undoubtedly the order was given that the disciples might be taught, and that *we* might be taught, that leftovers are not to be thrown into the garbage can if they are good food and can be conserved for future use. In other words, Jesus was teaching His disciples a lesson in frugality. And let us not forget that Paul wrote, "*Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope*" (Rom. 15:4).

In a world where millions go to bed hungry every night, and where on every continent, and in almost every island, there are whole families that are inadequately nourished, it is not only a shame but a sin to waste food. A few years ago carloads of potatoes, and truckloads of peaches, and shiploads of bananas were dumped in order to keep prices up. The stupendous folly was supposed to be in the interest of the economy of the nation. Economy! What a word to use in connection with such frightful and criminal waste! What a commentary on the fact that the wisdom of man is foolishness with God! We all know how thousands of acres of good crops were plowed under or were not harvested after God's earth and sunshine and rain had caused them to grow and mature. We all know or we have all heard of the tragic waste. The government was guilty, and every man who had a part in these shameful transactions was guilty, and wherever there is wanton waste of food there is sin, and whenever a sin is committed a penalty is incurred. Our nation has suffered, and will suffer as a result of this wanton waste.

A few years ago a man inherited a million dollars. He seemed to think that his fortune was inexhaustible. He found

delight in giving one-thousand-dollar tips and lighting cigars with five-dollar bills, and achieving an unenviable reputation as a spendthrift. In just a few years his fortune was gone. He found employment as a waiter at a small salary in a California restaurant. Let us hope that his experience taught him a bit of sense.

A number of years ago I was in Colorado Springs. The man who had discovered gold on his farm in Cripple Creek was spending his last days in the county poor house. From the soil of the farm that had been his, and where he himself had discovered gold, millions of dollars worth of the precious metal had been taken. He had sold a few acres at a time, and then squandered the money. One day his money was all gone, but he wanted a drink of whiskey. He still owned a hill. It was all that was left of his farm. But it was known that the hill was full of gold. The tavern-keeper told him he would give him a quart of whiskey in exchange for a deed to that hill. He accepted the offer, and signed the deed. He got his quart of whiskey, and the tavern-keeper got the hill from which afterwards millions of dollars worth of gold was digged.

Perhaps no one of us has ever been so foolish. No one of us has had an opportunity to be so foolish. But how many of us have followed the instructions of the Master, "Gather up the pieces left over, so that nothing may be wasted"?

A lack of frugality has been the ruin of many lives and many homes. Frugality, on the other hand, has been one of the foundation stones of many a fortune, and has contributed largely to the happiness of many hearts.

A few years ago the son of the founder of the Standard Oil Company was teaching a Bible class in New York City, and he related an incident of the early days of the company his father founded. Those were the days when the company was selling vast quantities of kerosene in five-gallon cans. One day the senior Rockefeller called into his office the man who had charge of the manufacture of the cans, and he asked him how many drops of solder it took to solder a five-gallon can. The man replied, "Forty-seven." "See," said Rockefeller, "if forty-six will not do it." The man came back a little later, and said, "Forty-six will do it." "Then," said Rockefeller, "use forty six. Never use forty-seven if forty-six will do it." And said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., "We saved \$50,000 in a single year for Standard Oil Company by using forty-

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Home MISSIONS Foreign

"The Field is the World"

World Wide Vision

by Kenneth M. Haystead

One of the greatest missionary texts in the Old Testament is Isaiah 54:2. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtain of thy habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." It has an historical significance, too, for this was the text of William Carey's epoch-making sermon of a hundred and fifty years ago that aroused a sleeping, lethargic church and rekindled the fire of world-wide missions. This text came to me in the oddest way. It was while overseeing the feverish activities of preparing for camp meeting at Bethany Park as the tents were being raised, that I remembered reading this text long, long ago. In those peculiar surroundings, a sermon was born in my heart.

The two great phases of missionary work are set forth in this text. The words, "lengthen thy cords" apply to the foreign aspect of our great world enterprise, and the expression "strengthen thy stakes" refers to the home base. These two factors are equally essential and interdependent. How foolish, as any camper knows, to lengthen the cords of the tent without strengthening the stakes! To do so is to invite disaster.

In missions these two expressions represent the *extensive* phase of our advancement on foreign soil, and the *intensive* phase of co-operative endeavor at home. It is to the home base—the stakes of the tent—that we must look primarily for the solution of the challenging and yet unsolved problem of carrying the witness to the whole world. Without an aggressive policy designed to increase world missionary interest at home, the work abroad will soon reach an impasse.

How tragic our present plight! We have, especially in our own ranks, a small army of young, talented, consecrated men and women—eager and willing to leave home tomorrow and go "everywhere preaching the gospel"—but there is insufficient interest and financial support to send them.

It is imperative that, in this District at least, we begin an active campaign to raise the temperature of our missionary fervor. Perhaps someone questions if this can be done along with all the other equally important demands on our constituency. The plain fact is that it

must be done! If we honestly believe that the main work of the church is fulfilling the great commission, there is no alternative!

Plainly spoken, this means that on a District-wide basis, as well as locally, we must step up the tempo of our missionary work, interest and enthusiasm. To refuse to "enlarge the place of our tent" is only to permit another generation to inherit an unfinished task and to seal the doom of millions of souls already lost!

How can this be done? Never, it is certain, by simply mechanical or purely organizational means. Missionary advancement demands more than a cold program, it must be motivated by a warm heart! Oh, how our churches—and we as individuals—need a revival of what we used to call a passion for souls. If we ever become indifferent to the staggering statistics that portray the stark fact that uncounted thousands enter Christless graves at every turn of the clock, we endanger our own spiritual life and give the lie to our pious pronouncements of love and devotion to our Saviour and His cause.

My previous monthly chats with you through the medium of this page have been concerned with our local expansion program as a District and aimed

at enlisting the cooperative sharing of all our constituency in this new endeavor to meet the challenge of our rapidly growing state. However, if we succeed at this at the cost of foreign missionary advancement—the cost is too high! The only answer to this problem is to deliberately stimulate and foster a **WORLD-WIDE VISION** in *every* church in our District. We must put an end to the self-centered selfishness that can trap a church and its pastor into a short-sighted pattern of local enlargement that is completely out of touch with the desperate need of our lost world. Every Pentecostal church must choose between an existence designed to bring blessing to itself alone or a definite sharing of the world's hurt and a ministry of blessing to the world's need.

If you find yourself in agreement with the sentiments and principles herein expressed, make it your business to stir up missionary vision and fervor in *your* church. If this office can assist you in this, please feel free to ask for help. Let us begin to strengthen our stakes—from one border of the District to the others—and prepare to enlarge the place of our Missionary tent.

I thank thee, Lord, for strength of arm

To win my bread,

And that, beyond my need, is meat

For friend unfed.

I thank thee much for bread to live;

I thank thee more for bread to give.

—Robert Davis



Brother and Sister M. H. LUCE are shown at their station in Samoa with some of their helpers. Beside Mrs. Luce stands their adopted daughter, Honeybelle.

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A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace!

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek—

To be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand

To be loved, as to love.

for

It is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life—Saint Francis.

Life is measured not by accumulation but by outlay; not by how much saved but by how much wisely expended; not by distance traveled but by the road taken.

Missions

Lucas Look Forward to Returning to Samoa

By a unique contact made through the efforts of Brother Herman Winkelman, Assemblies of God missionary in Samoa, arrangements were made between the Lucas and an independent church group, known as the Congregational Church of Jesus in Samoa, to serve as their missionaries. After four years, however, their service with this church was terminated and they received appointment as our missionaries to Samoa.

It is interesting to know that the Lucases have had the unusual experience of being the only American missionaries on record who were invited to the islands by the Samoans themselves. In 1947 the invitation was given by High Orator Chief Tuiasosopo, who lives at Pago Pago.

The Sunday schools and youth rallies the Lucases organized led indirectly to the development of the Happy Valley Christian School in Pago Pago. There are approximately 70 youngsters enrolled in the elementary group, and 11 enrolled in the Bible school department. They expect to return to Samoa and carry on the building program begun in 1950.

Brother and Sister Luce express sincere appreciation to all who were praying and who sent the many letters and cards of encouragement during Sister Luce's illness that kept her in the hospital several weeks.

Prayer Vital to Effective Ministry

I have been in that old church in New England where Jonathan Edwards preached his great sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." He had a little manuscript which he held up so close to his face that they couldn't see his countenance. He went on and on, the people in the crowded church were tremendously moved. One man sprang to his feet, rushed down the aisles and cried, "Mr. Edwards, is there no mercy with God?" Other men caught hold on the back of the pews lest they should slip into perdition.

I have seen old pillars around which they threw their arms when they thought the day of judgment had dawned upon them. The power of that sermon is still felt in the United States today. But there is a bit of history behind it.

For three days Jonathan Edwards had not eaten a mouthful of food; for three nights, he had not closed his eyes in sleep. Over and over again he had been saying to God, "Give me New England! Give me New England!" and when he rose from his knees and made his way into the pulpit, they say he looked as if he had been gazing straight into the face of God. They say that before he opened his lips to speak, conviction fell upon his audience.

—J. Wilbur Chapman

The way to avoid great faults is to beware of small ones.—Spurgeon



LELAND R. KEYS, the camp Bible teacher, delivered the morning sermon on missionary day, the second Sunday.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

AUGUST

3 — Fruitland, Oakland (First Quincy).

10 — Concord, Gardnerville, Pt. Arena, Salinas (Calvary)

17 — Santa Rosa

18 — Burney

24 — Livingston, Stirling City

SEPTEMBER

7 — Fortuna, Hawthorne, Oakland (Temple), Janesville.

14 — Leggett, Pittsburg

15 — Yreka

21 — Benicia

28 — North Fork, Redding, Watsonville (Pajaro)

Don'ts Regarding Illustrations

1. Don't string a list of illustrations together and call that a sermon.

2. Don't use illustrations that do not fit.

3. Don't fail to clinch the point your illustration is supposed to illustrate.

4. Don't use humorous illustrations simply because they afford opportunity to tell amusing stories you have heard. Your task is serious. Keep it so. Jokes usually belong elsewhere than in sermons.

5. Don't use an illustration to show your knowledge of wide reading.

6. Don't use an illustration with a distant and unfamiliar setting, when a homely one, near at hand, will serve the same purpose. An illustration must be understood.

7. Don't overillustrate.

8. Don't underillustrate.

9. Don't form the habit of relying upon books of illustrations. Draw your illustrations from your own reading, observation, and contacts.

10. Don't forget that an illustration drawn from the Scriptures is the best kind. Such illustrations are sound. They teach the hearers to think in terms of Scripture. They lay the proper foundations for sound doctrine. They are true to life. They are true to God.

What we want is not back to Pentecost. To the past we will not go! God is waiting for men who will leave the multitudes of the Church sitting at the borders of the Land of Promise while they themselves go in.—Chas. S. Price.

Guilty or Not Guilty

"Yes, your honor, I saw the man fall beneath the wheels of the oncoming car. I am fully convinced that the driver had no possible chance to stop his car in time to avoid the tragedy." This is a testimony from a witness at the scene of an accident which claimed the life of a 19-year-old boy. This witness was helpless to prevent this tragedy because he saw the victim fall too late to help him.

Christ's Ambassadors, I want to call your attention to a far greater tragedy which you may be witnessing every day. This tragedy we are observing are the teeming multitudes around us who are sweeping on to eternity with sin-burdened souls. What could be wrong with the redeemed sons of God that they will expend their energies and strength upon trite self pleasures while souls are being reserved in everlasting chains under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day?

What has happened to the Great Commission? Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." A witness is one who has seen or knows something and is therefore competent to give evidence concerning it. Who could be a greater witness to God's power to save than we of the Assemblies of God? We have seen the mighty transformation from darkness to light many times. We know by personal experience that He can change the chiefest sinners into respected citizens of God's kingdom on earth. Therefore, we are competent to give evidence of the hope that lies within. The apostolic formula for witnessing was to receive power from the Holy Spirit, and then go and witness concerning the things we have seen and know.

John was as the voice of one crying in the wilderness—"prepare ye the way of the Lord." When Eastern monarchs entered upon an expedition, or took a journey through a desert country, they sent harbingers before them to prepare all things for their passage, pioneers to open the passes, to level the way, and to remove all impediments. John, then, was God's harbinger, preparing people to receive their glorious Monarch. We, as John, are to be God's voice, harbinger, ambassador, witness. Call it what you will, our job is to bring men to God.

The cost of this task is not to be considered. Whatever we possess should



A SECTIONAL CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE met in Sacramento May 26 and 27 in the Capital Assembly on C Street. Those present, back row, left to right: W. O. Vickery, Contra Costa; Riley Kaufman, East Bay; Kenneth Haystead, Asst. Superintendent; Clyde Henson, District C. A. Counselor; Lewis Wilson, Capital; Don Annas, North San Joaquin, Leonard Couchman, Shasta; Harold Moe, Sacramento Valley. Front row: Tom Ming, Jr., South San Joaquin, Kathleen Carter, Nevada; Walt Boring, District vice-president and host pastor; Ray Lockwood, president; Kirk Soper, secretary-treasurer; Phillip Stewart, Central San Joaquin, Wilford Frazier, Redwood. Those not present when picture was made are Gene Lawrence, Peninsula; Hazen Chester, Lassen-Plumas; Don Morrow, Lake-Mendocino; Mel Stewart, North Bay, and Paul Couchman, Coast Counties.

be readily placed at the disposal of the Holy Spirit to use as He sees fit. God needs our money, time, talent, yea, our lives for this undertaking. The only way you will ever be willing to do this is first to give yourself to God with no reservations.

Teach us, Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give and not count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labor and not seek for reward save that of pointing a dying defeated world to a living triumphant Redeemer. God make me a witness.—Ray Lockwood.

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IT COULDN'T BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't be done

But he with a chuckle replied,

That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried;

So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried, he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure; There are thousands to point out to you one by one

The dangers that wait and assail you; But just buckle in with a bit of a grin

Just take off your coat and go to it.

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing That cannot be done, and you'll do it!

A Faithful Witness

Over seventy years ago, a United States naval cutter, the *Colfax*, sailed under Captain Charles Jones. On board this ship was a little Chinese lad who very quickly won his way into the hearts of the captain and crew. Captain Jones became the hero of young Soong, and whatever he did was just right in the eyes of the lad.

One day the captain told Soong that Jesus Christ was the hero and guide of his life. The Chinese boy, although he did not at first quite understand, began to get a new picture of God, a picture very different from the idols he had worshiped in the temple in China. Young Soong became a Christian and received his education in America. He went back to China with a wonderful message of what Christ had done in his life. He began to print the gospel in the Chinese language.

Soong married a Chinese girl and they had six children. One girl is Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, the wife of China's liberator; another girl is Mrs. H. H. Kung, wife of the minister of finance. Mei-ling Soong is Madam Chiang Kai-shek, a leader not only in China, but throughout the world. A son, T. V. Soong, is a member of the cabinet. The generalissimo, his wife, and all of her family are Christians. And all because a sea captain was true to his calling as a Christian!

Everyone Should Witness

When Christ said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel," He did not mean only preachers, but He meant everyone who believes on Him as the Lord of glory. The division between the clergy and the laity is a division of our own making. It is not instituted by Christ, nor was it evidenced in the early church. They believed the word *go* meant every man, and they obeyed the Lord's command. My challenge to you is for a return to this first-century conception of Christianity wherein every believer is a witness to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An African slaveholder had in his employ a poor black boy who, having heard of the missionaries and their preaching, had a desire to go and hear about Christ. As he crept away quietly one evening, he had to pass by his master's window, and was seen by the slaveholder.

"Where are you going?" called the master.

The boy, trembling, answered, "Me go to hear the missionaries, Massa."

"To hear the missionaries indeed! If you ever go there, you shall have thirty-nine lashes and be put in irons."

The boy answered, "Me tell Massa—Me tell the great Massa."

"What do you mean tell the great Master?" asked the man angrily.

"Me tell the great Massa, Lord of heaven that Massa was angry with me because I wanted to go and hear His Word."

Greatly astonished, the master said, "Go along and hear them, then."

After the boy had gone, the master became restless and troubled. He had not thought that he himself had a Master in heaven who knew all that he was doing. He determined to follow the slave to the Christian service.

He stood in the rear of the little assembly and listened eagerly to the words of the missionary, who was preaching from the text, "Lovest thou Me?"

"Is there one poor slave here who loves Jesus Christ?" he asked. "One who dares to confess Him?"

The black boy sprang forward, and, holding up both hands while tears coursed down his cheeks, cried out earnestly, "Yes, Massa, me do love Him! Me love Him with all my heart!"

The slaveholder went home still more astonished, but convinced of the power of the gospel. As a result, he gave his heart to God and lived a consistent Christian life.

Have Faith

by A. E. Ford

There is one *must* which is essential to you as a Christian if you are to be successful. You must have faith. Faith in what? Faith in yourself! You must have faith in yourself. You say that is blasphemy. No, it is not!

Every minute of every day Satan will tell you that you are not a fit vessel, that you cannot do good service for the Lord. Do not believe it. You are just as pure as pure can be. Satan will tell you that you are only partly cleansed, or he will bring up some old sin. Resist him. You are not partially clean. You confessed your sins; you accepted Christ's atonement for them; now you are as clean as clean can be. The blood of Christ is efficacious. It is not important. It is not limited. It cleanses. Praise God forever!

You need not be a nationally known minister to be right in the sight of God. You can be an unknown, hidden away in the backwoods, and be pure in God's sight. You *are* pure. God knows His business. He knew you before He called you—you are called to God. It is you he called. You are not too little. You are not too unlearned. You are not too young. You are not too old. You are not anything. You are exactly right. God is all-knowing. He chose you. He made a good choice. Accept it.

Youth Enjoyed Camp Meeting Vespers



KEITH FANCHER, a young evangelist, spoke one evening at the Redwood Bowl.



LOWELL PRINZING of Lodi was the speaker for one of the vesper's services in the Redwood Bowl.

Jesus washed you. He filled you with the Holy Spirit. He called you from among the multitude. Do not let Satan tell you that you are not thoroughly washed, or filled, or called. He is belittling God's wisdom and power when he does that. Reject his lies! Know that God did a thorough job on you. God forgot your sins and failures. Now you forget them.

God saved you because He had faith in you. God filled you because He had faith in you. God called you because He had faith in you. God is leading you on because He has faith in you. God knows you are exactly right for His purpose. God trust you.

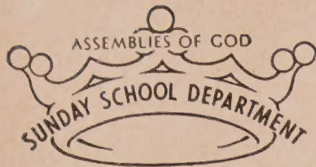
God has faith in you; so you must have faith in yourself.

1 John 3:20, 21.

Brother Ford, who lost his sight as a result of injuries received in World War II, is a top-grade student at G. T. B. I.



LEONARD COUCHMAN, the chairman, leads a rally in his section, the Shasta district.



L. W. SUTER
District Sunday
School Director

Enlargement Campaign Was Fruitful Last Year

THINK of 1,724,446 pieces of literature and enlargement materials going out from the Gospel Publishing House to all parts of the U.S.A. during the Enlargement Campaign period in 1952.

THINK of all the individual workers who were involved in "Taking Christ To The Doorways of America."

THINK of all the homes that received the Christian Home edition of the *Pentecostal Evangel*. There were 942,000 copies sold for this campaign.

THINK of the children who read the tract in cartoon form and were influenced to attend Sunday school. Over 163,700 were sent out free of charge by the compliments of the Sunday School Department.

THINK of the souls saved that would have gone on their way to a Christless eternity, but for the Enlargement Campaign.

THINK of the prospects who can still be influenced to Christ and the Sunday school because of the local visitation program, carried on during the Enlargement Campaign.

THINK of the blessing received by all our workers who engaged themselves in this campaign.

Yes, you can go on thinking of all the good that has been accomplished for the Kingdom of God, but our records will never tell the whole story. Praise God for the reports that have come in from various schools telling of souls being saved and the interest shown by their workers.

Each year the Enlargement Campaign has shown an increased national interest. The District Sunday School Directors have expressed a desire that a perennial program of visitation evangelism will be established in every one of our Assemblies of God Sunday schools.

The Path to Teaching Success

Many Sunday school teachers and would-be teachers seem to have the idea that to be a successful Sunday school teacher one must be born with certain natural talents, and that since they are lacking in these their teaching will never be effective. To them teaching success is like the legendary pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—unattainable.

Yet there is a path to teaching success. It is paved with hard work, but it is open to all who have truly consecrated their lives to God and want to work for Him. An individual teacher may walk this path alone, but it is much better if the Sunday school leaders will make provision for all their workers to walk it together. This can be done with Worker's Training.

The first flagstone in this path is a knowledge of God's Word. Most Christians have some knowledge of the Word from sermons and Bible studies given by the pastor, from the Sunday school classes which they themselves have attended, and from individual reading. The Bible is the subject we teach. If we do not know it, we cannot teach it.

The second flagstone is a knowledge of the pupil himself. No doubt the teacher or prospective teacher has already learned a great deal from observation, but unaided observation sometimes leads to the wrong conclusions. There needs to be a systematic study of the characteristics of the particular age being dealt with. A good general knowledge of pupils of that age will help the teacher to discover the individual needs of his individual pupils. Wise indeed are the Sunday school leaders who acquaint their teachers with their pupils through well chosen study courses.

The third flagstone is a knowledge of teaching methods. It helps little to know the truths of the Word and the needs of the pupils unless the teacher knows how to present the Word in such a way as to meet the pupil's needs. The pupils, too, must have an understanding of the Word before it will benefit them. This knowledge cannot be imparted in the same manner to all age groups. Nor is it best to teach by just one method, but rather a combination of methods. Here again, the training class is important. Sunday school leaders must give their teachers opportunities to learn the "how" of teaching.

With a knowledge of God's Word, of the needs of the pupils, and of how to present God's Word to meet the needs of the pupils, any teacher who will use what he has learned and will pray earnestly can reach that shining goal of teaching success!

Get Ready

The month of October will soon be here and again it has been designated as Enlargement Month for the Assemblies of God. Every school in our district should begin to plan now for your enlargement campaign. Supplies can be purchased from the Gospel Publishing House.

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THEY WALK WITH GOD

They walk with God whom none can shame
From trusting in His holy name;
Who looking for a glorious morn,
Shrink not before the tip of scorn,

They walk in light, in safety, peace,
Awaiting patiently release;
Turn from the world and take the cross
E'en though it be of life the loss.

Thus walked God's heroes of all times;
They walked with Him in faith sublime.
The world is but a passage way
Through which they reach the realms of
day.

—E. C. Pearson.



THE PRIMARY CLASS IN THE VBS IN QUINCY gives good attention to the teacher, Lilly Musgroves, as she gives the children Bible instruction in a way they understand.

Leftovers

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six drops of solder instead of forty-seven in soldering our five-gallon cans." Just a drop of solder! A drop of solder does not amount to much, but \$50,000 is a lot of money, more in all probability than the most of us will ever see. The ocean is made up of drops of water, and every fortune, whether great or small, can be divided into nickels and dimes. And happy is he who learns that a nickel or a dime is money, and that God who does not want us to waste our food does not want us to waste our money.

In the days when candles were used a man was soliciting funds for a benevolent enterprise, and he called on a well-to-do merchant. The merchant was posting his books. On each side of his ledger a candle was burning. When the solicitor began to present his cause the merchant blew out one of the candles. After having listened to a narration of the need the merchant subscribed a hundred dollars. The solicitor expressed surprise. He said, "I had hoped that you would subscribe liberally, but when you blew that candle out, my hopes vanished. I felt that if you were so stingy as to blow out one of the candles while you were talking to me you would not be likely to give me much." The merchant replied, "The reason I have a hundred dollars to give you is because I never burn two candles when one is all I need. I needed two in order to see to post my books, but I needed only one when I was listening to you." This story may make us smile, but it would be well if it would make us think. May it not be true that some of us are poor, and so have little to give to God, when we might have an abundance, and be able to give liberally, and all because we have not been frugal? "Gather up the pieces left over, so that nothing may be wasted."

Everything that Jesus said and did was significant, and we should search for the significance of every act and word until we find it, and then be profited by it. Let us remember this as we read the record of the most marvelous of all lives, the life of Him who not only "spake as never man spake," but lived as never man lived.

Joseph Parker has well said, "Whatever Christ did He did sacramentally; He never uttered a word in any language without sanctifying that word, making it the gem of speech, the diamond of eloquence." No word, therefore, that our Lord gave utterance to should be regarded as irrelevant or of little value. All that He said should be scrutinized, and the object of such scrutiny should be that we might find just what the will of the Lord concerning us is. Finding out

what the divine will is, we should shape our lives in harmony with it. This is godliness, and "godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life which now is and of that which is to come."

"If the words, *Gather up the pieces left over, so that nothing may be wasted*," mean anything they surely mean that it is not the will of the Lord that we be wasteful or extravagant. They indicate that we should conserve the resources God has placed within our grasp, and that we should use them as "good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Everything that we possess is a gift of grace, and we should never forget that our possessions are God's possessions. When I was a small boy my mother wanted something that was mine. I said, "You can't have it! It's mine!" She shook her finger at me, and said, "You are mine, and all of your possessions are mine too." I never forgot it. We belong to God and what we possess belongs to Him too.

The manner in which we make use of what God gives us very largely determines what He will give us in the future. Consider what Paul says in II Cor. 9:7, 8, "*Every one is to give what he has made up his mind to give; there is to be no grudging or compulsion about it, for God loves the giver who gives cheerfully. God is able to bless you with ample means, so that you may always have quite enough for any emergency of your own and ample means besides for any kind act to others*" (Moffatt). So, let us not waste the ample means that God is able to provide us with, and will provide us with if we use what He gives us aright. Let us "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost." Let us lay up treasures in heaven.

And then when we shall reach that goal,

And lay our armour down,
When we shall go to meet our Lord,
Each to receive his crown,
He who is Light and Truth and Love,
Who here the victory won,
Will welcome us to heav'n above,
And say, "Well done!"

So, child of God, be true to Him,
Who died thy soul to save;
This life is not the only life;
There's life beyond the grave.
Then gather all the fragments up,
And use them for thy Lord;
And thou with Him shalt someday sup,—
A great reward.

Wisdom is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech.

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The best way to get rid of unpleasant duties is to discharge them faithfully.

GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

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Faculty assembles for
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Tuesday night, September 8 in
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Convocation—

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Opening chapel service
All pastors, members of the
board INVITED.

It appears that the coming year will be a record year for GTBI. Young people interested in Bible School should let us hear from them at once, as the dormitories are filling up.

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THE REGISTRAR
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DO YOU READ YOUR BIBLE THUS?

I will come into Thy house in the multitude of thy mercy—except in August.

The Lord is in His Holy temple—except in August.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life—except in August.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge—except in August.

My soul longeth, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord—except in August.

Preach the gospel to every creature—except in August.

Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season—except in August.

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers—except in August.

—Squibs.

Here and There

ATWATER—The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there June 22, with Pastor Otto Schmidt and congregation. The speakers for the day were Pastor A. M. Redding of Highway City and Evangelist Eddie Kramer, a member of the Evangelaires quartet. The ladies of the local church served a fellowship dinner between the services.

AUBURN—Brother Douglas H. Cooksey has resigned as pastor, effective July 26. Pastor of the church for a year and a half, he has made this move because of his health.

CERES—Evangelist Dorman Buttram began a revival campaign with Pastor Earl F. Davis on July 26.

FAIRFIELD—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held in Fairfield on June 15. The afternoon service had two speakers: Evangelist Hunt and Pastor P. R. Ford of Sebastopol. The evening service was a Sunday school rally, which ended with a message by L. W. Suter, the District Sunday School Director.

JACKSON—Pastor A. R. Barron reports: "Sister Audrey Beam from Porterville spent three nights with us recently teaching on the Holy Spirit. Since then two have been filled and two saved. Brother Suter was with us for a Workers Training Course, which the Lord blessed. A revival spirit prevailed through the course. Ten certificates were issued to members of the local church. We appreciated the co-operation of our neighboring assemblies who attended the courses here."

KERMAN (Elim)—July 3 brought to a close the first vacation Bible school held by the new assembly, which is right in the town of Kerman. A very successful school, it had an enrollment of 100, with some days seeing an attendance of over 90. And this is in a new church started only three months before and still meeting in a rented hall. "Recently several backsliders have been restored and gloriously refilled," report Pastors Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw. Lots have been purchased and plans are being made for a building program.

LOYALTON—Pastor Bradford Wilmoth reports: "We just closed a revival meeting with Huston (Rusty) Baker. Eighteen were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday school attendance reached 100, a new record. Our average attendance has been 72 for the last three months. Our church is nearly finished." Rusty Baker is a student at G.T.B.I.

MADERA—Since May 12 Brother Lawrence Wood has been the pastor of the assembly on Riverside and No. D Sts, succeeding Brother Gobel Lawrence. The new

pastor, who has been making his home in Fresno, has been in evangelistic work in recent years, largely on the West Coast.

MOUNT SHASTA — Evangelist Lloyd Decker recently held four weeks of successful meetings with Pastor Wm. A. Austin. He reports some saved and some healed during the campaign.

PETALUMA—Pastor E. G. Skultety now has his broadcasts on two radio stations. His morning programs are on KECC, 990 kc., at 6:30, from Monday through Friday. His other program is on KAFP, 1490 kc., Sunday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00.

QUINCY—In June, Pastor M. M. York reported: "We have just closed a successful vacation Bible school with the Boardman Sisters. There were 102 children, and the average attendance for the two weeks was 80. Eighty certificates were awarded at the close of the school."

RODEO—Brother S. A. Merrill, who comes to us from Southern California, is now the new pastor, succeeding Brother L. E. Cruncleton. The new pastor is the father of Pastor Donald Merrill of Riverbank.

SALIDA—Evangelist Dorman Buttram of the Southern Missouri District held meetings in June for Pastor Dan N. Robinson.

SANTA CRUZ (Bethel)—Evangelist John McPherson was there for a week of special meetings for Pastor Treva Constant the latter part of June.

SUTTER CREEK—Brother Ray Riddleberger has resigned as pastor. His successor is Brother Chester H. Savage, formerly of Diamond Springs.

THORN—Brother Jerrell Snyder is the new pastor. Sister Iva M. Marlenee served as acting pastor for many months. She has returned to Eureka.

TURLOCK — Pastor Robert Carrington writes: "Bethel Temple now has a full-time director of music, David Peters, formerly the assistant director at N.C.B.I. for their choir, and more recently the organizer and director of Campus Crusaders at Springfield, Mo. A graduate of C.B.I., he comes to us with his wife and three-year-old son." Over two hundred were enrolled in the vacation Bible school.

VALLEJO (North) — Evangelist Ralph Wilkerson held good meetings with Pastor Roy Whitt in July.

WATERFORD—Pastor C. J. Brown wrote the first of July: "The church has just concluded two weeks of revival services with Evangelist E. R. Roberts and family from Oklahoma. This was one of the best revivals we have had in some time. Several were saved, some received healing, and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. During the past year there has been much improvement done on the church property. The hardwood floors have been finished and new pews installed, and several Sunday school rooms have been finished in the basement."

WATSONVILLE (Bethel) — The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held at Bethel Church on June 22. Pastor Leonard Weston of Pacific Grove brought the afternoon. The evening speaker was Brother Kenneth Haystead. The pastor is C. A. Ellenwood. Pastor Ellenwood holds one service one Sunday a month down in Gorda, a community about sixty miles down Highway 1 from Monterey, a mountain settlement on the California coastline.

WEED—The Shasta fellowship meeting was held in Weed on June 23. The afternoon and evening speakers respectively were Pastor W. M. Austin of Mount Shasta and Pastor Eric Johnson of Ashland, Oregon. The pastor in Weed is Albert Rowley.

YREKA — Pastor William Savidge reports: "Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley MacPherson recently held two weeks of meeting in Yreka. Attendance was very good and some came to the altar for salvation. Their ministry was a blessing to many."



THE REMODELED CHURCH IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO was dedicated in special services on May 25. The church, which is located at Hillside and Arden Aves., is enjoying good growth. Its new facilities will accommodate an increase in both Sunday school and congregation.



THE DEDICATION SERVICE in South San Francisco included special music by the 20-voice choir of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Front row, left to right: Forrest Beiser, organist and instructor at the school; Mark Bell, choir director and head of the music department; Pastor Carl E. Curtright; Kenneth Haystead, assistant superintendent and speaker for the occasion; and E. O. Robeck of San Jose, the presbyter for the Peninsula section.

Personal Mention

Brother E. A. (PETE) NORTH is now the pastor of the assembly in Lake Preston, South Dakota. He moved the family to Lake Preston early in May.

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EDWARD L. KLINSKY has become the pastor of the Assembly of God in Taft. He and the family moved to the Southern California city the latter part of May.

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WALTER E. LARSON, who has been in evangelistic work for some months, is now the pastor of the assembly in Burbank, Calif.

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CLARENCE G. COLLINS, who early this summer returned to Texas for evangelistic work, has been chosen to be the pastor of the assembly in Christine, Texas.

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Brother PAUL PIPKIN is now serving as field representative of the Foreign Missions Department. The family is living in Oakland while he travels in the interest of the missionary cause.

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Evangelist WALTER H. SMITH recently held meetings in Chicago. In July he went to Toronto, Canada, for a campaign.

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The R. J. THURMONDS arrived by plane July 29 at San Francisco from their visit to Hawaii.

M. T. Draper Passes

Brother M. T. Draper, a former superintendent of our District Council, was called to his reward on July 22. Death came after a heart attack the previous evening in his Fresno home. Brother Gaston officiated at the funeral service held in Fresno on Saturday, July 25.

Brother Draper is survived by his widow, Mrs. Esther Draper, and by a daughter, Dorothy Mae. He was the District's first full-time superintendent, serving from May 1926 to June 1936.

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Also With the Lord

On May 30 Brother Otis H. Green of Auburn slipped out of this life into the presence of his Lord. The end came after a long illness that kept him confined to his home. For a number of years, he had been one of our superannuated ministers retired from active ministry. Pastor Douglas H. Cooksey of Auburn conducted the funeral June 1. Entombment was in Sacramento. He is survived by his widow.

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Early in July death came to Brother D. R. Richards of San Francisco. A member of the first class to graduate, in 1921, he was the first to request Bible teaching from Brother and Sister Craig. Others became interested and a class was formed, and this became the nucleus for the beginning of Glad Tidings Bible Institute.

"We should not ask whether the task is compassable, but only whether it is commanded. If the Master's call is clear we shall find that either on the sea like Peter, or through the sea like Israel, we somehow are able to go forward."—John Wesley.

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Nothing cooks your goose quicker than a boiling temper.

New Arrivals

On June 9, Pastor and Mrs. Louis Moon of the Fairmead Assembly in Chowchilla welcomed a daughter and named her Linda Erlene.

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Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Hackett of Arbuckle welcomed their second child, their first daughter, on June 30. Her name is Esther Ruth.

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A daughter joined the family circle of Brother and Sister John Tinsman on the mission field. Little Laverne Kay arrived June 27 in Ambon, Indonesia.

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The Forrest Beisers hear new music in their home in Bethany Park. Cynthia Elizabeth arrived at Santa Cruz on July 10.

For Sale at Bethany Park

Lot No. 14 6, on the hill above the tabernacle. Reasonable price. For further information, write L. A. Fanos, 410 Grand St., Redwood City.

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Lot No. 213, on Bethany Loop. Price \$550. Write George L. Tracy, 520 Shradler St., San Francisco, or phone Evergreen 6-1797.

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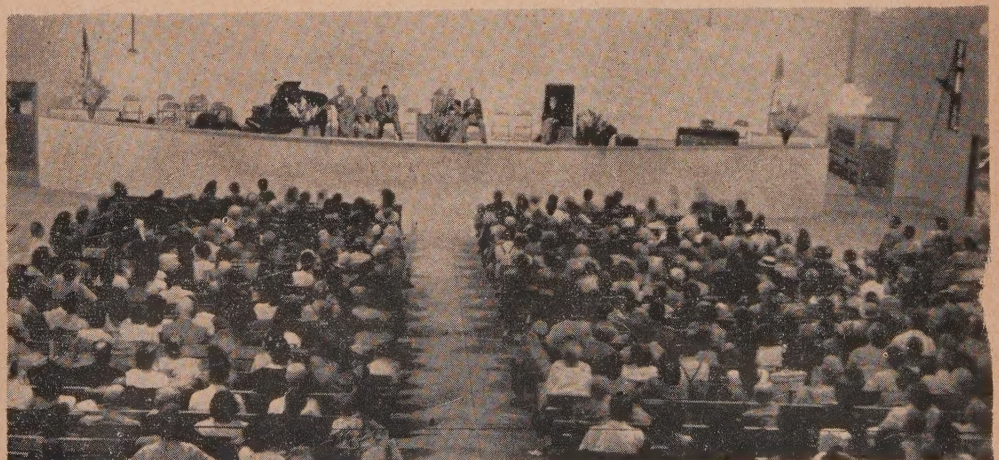
Lot No. 78, on the hill facing the main entrance. The owner is C. E. Stimpson, 1443 Georgan St., Hayward.

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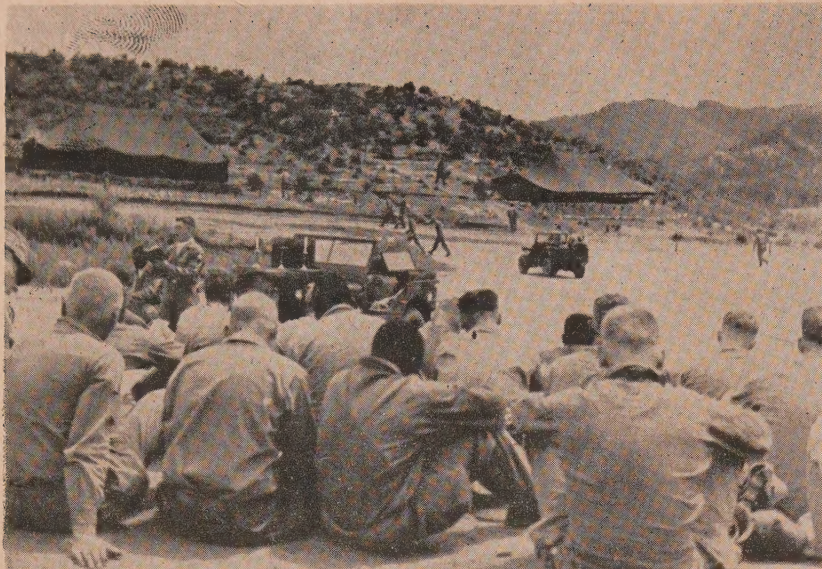
New house on Lot No. 44, on Pisgah Heights Road, overlooking Scott's Valley. Four rooms, bath, garage, and full cement basement. Builder has died and children wish to sell. For further information write Mrs. Dorothy McLaughlin, 751 Santa Margarita, Millbrae, Calif. Phone 8-2571.

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"A cheerful look and word go far in the make-up of the day's contentment. Courtesy is a coin that we can never have too much of or ever be stingy with."



THE SPEAKERS PLATFORM IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM had a new look this last camp meeting.



CHAPLAIN JACK CARMICHAEL is shown leading a service for the troops at the war front in Korea.

Communist China And the Bible

The Christian church will survive the Communists in China, declared Dr. Ralph Mortensen, who directed the combined work in China of the American Bible Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society and the National Bible Society of Scotland. Dr. Mortensen, who has devoted 35 years of missionary work in the Orient, spoke at a press conference in the New York City headquarters of the American Bible Society.

Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen were among the last Americans allowed to leave Shanghai. They had been restrained within the city limits of Shanghai under strict surveillance for two years and a day, without explanation, by the Communists, before they were given permission to leave China.

The Mortensens predicted eventual revolt by the people against their Communist masters. They said that the Communist anti-American propaganda was a failure, that while the people gave lip service to the Communists, they secretly remained unchanged.

Dr. Mortensen said his chief quarrel with the Communists regime was on moral grounds. "The Communist totalitarian state in China demands man's highest loyalty, usurping the place of God," he said. Even if there was a slight improvement in material things, such as the building of large dams, improved railway stations, he said, this did not compensate in his mind for the loss of moral law.

The Communists were more averse to missionaries than to western business men, he said, for they feared their teachings would change the thoughts of the Chinese people.

The Bible Societies, he said, had prepared themselves with ample stocks of

Bibles prior to the coming to the Communists.

"Before the Chinese Communists came into power," he reported, "the Bible House in Shanghai feverishly stock-piled all the main popular types of Bibles, New Testaments, and separate books of the Bible. As early as 1948, a missionary plane, which we named *The St. Paul*, was chartered to transport tons of Scriptures to build up the stocks of all outlying sub-agencies throughout China." These stocks, he reported, were at the time of his departure being distributed from Bible Society sub-agencies in Mukden, Tientsin, Peking, Tsinan, Sian, Lanchow, Chungking, Kunming, Hankow, Foochow and Canton, as well as from the headquarters agency in Shanghai.

He estimated that enough Bibles were in China to take care of the needs of the people for the next three years.

Dr. Mortensen reported that there had been no ukase against Bible reading and preaching in Christian churches, so long as the ministers refrained from making any comment in their sermons which could be construed by the Communists as being "political."

A churchman, he declared, was ever in peril. He cited the case of a Chinese Bible Society secretary in the interior, who, largely due to false charges, has been under arrest for two years, and no word from him has ever come through. Also, he reported, two former members of the Board of Directors of the China Bible Society have been given similar treatment, with no word about their fate ever received. He stated it was his belief that the Christian church in China would go underground, if it became necessary to do so.

"While the China Bible Society has sufficient stores of Scriptures for three or four years at the present rate of cir-

ulation, it is our duty to expand our work to reach more effectively the Chinese who are scattered abroad throughout the world. Some day, under God, I believe the doors of the China mainland will again be flung open and we must be ready for that day when it comes. The seeds we have been planting in continental China will someday sprout and bear fruit. We must never despair for God is Lord of all and he overrules in the destinies of men and of nations.

"Let us not forget that the seed of God's Word is still being planted by many of God's faithful workers in His Kingdom in China and souls even now behind the Bamboo Curtain are being won for Christ," he stated.

When a church member rests, he rusts.

A Separate Life, A Holy Walk

Unless there comes over the church a great change, and she gives herself to the work of meeting the spiritual needs of this hour, in a way she has not done, today's needs will never be met. But the spiritual and moral needs of today can be met if God's people will fall on their face before Him to confess their sin and the sin of their brethren. Let them ask God to reveal the cause of all the failure and take the message to the church. Let them preach the great truth, that as the winning of the world to God is the supreme, the one end, of the church's existence, so the love of souls, the surrender of the whole life to Christ for His use in the winning of souls, is the only healthy life for every believer.

What may we expect God to do on the mission field today? Will He reopen the closed doors? Will the church have another opportunity to make good? How long will He permit the usurpation and domination by malignant powers? These are questions which no human is able to answer. But let us not forget that we are still in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit and that we have the right to expect His supernatural workings and even His intervention in matters of human government until the end of the age.

Let us humble ourselves then, both severally and collectively, and cry to God for a heaven-sent revival in the church at home which shall reach to the uttermost part of the earth. No doubt we may have that revival if we desire it intensely enough and are willing to confess our sins and failures of the past and present. Let us turn a deaf ear to all doubts and believe a supernatural and merciful God who has always heard the heart-cry of His people. "*They cry unto the Lord . . . and he saveth them out of their distresses*" (Ps. 107). "*Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world*" (Matt. 28:20).—Andrew Murray

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Camp Meeting Days

What Is That in Thine Hand?

The Lord has been very precious to us in our meetings. We praise Him for the wonderful missionary services held each evening at six o'clock sponsored by the W.M.C. The attendance was grand, and each missionary speaker thrilled our hearts.

Our speakers to date (this is written at the close of the first week) include William Roberts of FEBC, with pictures to explain the goodness of God in supplying the needs of their work. Ruth Steelberg burdened our hearts with a message of the need of the mission fields she visited in the past year. Eunice Lindvall visited some of these fields with her and gave an interesting testimony of the grace of God. They sang together in Spanish. The Dillinghams gave us a very interesting service, presenting their field of labor in India. Their son and daughter gave vocal solos. Floyd Thomas from Africa presented a heart-stirring message about the Gold Coast. They will be leaving for the land of their calling around the first of the year. Let us rally to their needs. Calvin Zeissler and wife sang and preached for us. Don't forget to pray for this young couple as they leave soon for the Philippines. We had the pleasure of having David Renfro in one of our services. Having suffered a serious accident early in the year, he has come back to the States to regain health and strength. Brother and Sister Renfro and Bob are expected back next April.

One evening we had a panel discussion, with Sister Fern Murray as the moderator. Brother Gaston presented the

pastor's view of W.M.C. work. Kenneth Haystead viewed home missions in the light of W.M.C. ministry. And Helen Dillingham gave us a word picture of the appreciation the foreign missions have for the W.M.C. organization. Then the W.M.C. president gave this report. According to the report blanks sent to this office at the end of this past year, the giving of our entire District groups has been as follows:

Cash given to missions	\$1,759.96
Cash given for money projects: refrigerators and washing machines	1,424.00
Cash value of new materials given to foreign missions: food, clothing, linens, quilts, and other furnishings	8,570.00
Total offerings and cash value for foreign missions	\$11,753.96
Cash value of new materials given to our national home missions program	\$5,700.00
Cash given to District, pioneer home missions projects, District camp ground, Bible School, and other District projects	2,629.24
Cash given for national home missions, National Children's Home, retirement home and Alaska missions	335.00
Cash and value of new materials given for local projects, church, parsonage or community	1,508.28

We truly praise the Lord for His abundant blessings upon the work and ministry of our Women's Missionary Council. However, let us strive for greater results in this coming year of service unto the Lord.—Goldia Anderson.

The Lord said unto Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" And Moses answered: "It's a rod!" God commanded Moses to cast it to the ground, and it became a serpent. Moses fled from it, but was commanded to take it by the tail. The serpent became a rod again in his hand. God still speaks to men; but now He speaks through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We read in Acts 9:39 of a frail little woman who loved God. "What is that in thine hand? Just a needle and some thread. With a loving heart she sewed coats and garments for the poor: not a preacher or a singer, or a public personality; but full of good works and loved by all who knew her. When she died, the Apostle Peter came, and in the name of Jesus Christ raised her from the dead, as a result of which "many believed in the Lord."

Mary, you are the sister of Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead. You love to sit at Jesus' feet and earnestly listen to His Word. What is that in thine hand? It is an alabaster box of very precious ointment. She broke the box and poured it out upon the head and feet of Jesus, and the whole house was filled with the fragrant perfume of the ointment. That ointment is a symbol of the worship and love and adoration that ascends from the believer's soul like fragrant perfume, when it is poured out upon our wonderful Lord.

Dear members of the WMC, What is that in thine hand? Remember, you too, can have an acceptable and pleasing ministry in your own way and place as unto the Lord Jesus Christ.



THE NEWARK LADIES exhibited a large array of their work, all of which was given to missionaries. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Riley Kaufman stands in the middle. The other ladies are active members in Newark church.



MRS. GOLDIA ANDERSON stands amid the displays of women's handwork on display at the camp meeting and then given to missionaries to take to their stations, home and foreign.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Where the Money Goes

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, has compiled a table of U.S. personal income and expenditures. It reveals that five per cent for recreation, four per cent for alcoholic beverages, and one-half of one per cent for religious work.

Mechanical Monster

A scientist has announced that there are plans for a machine which will reproduce itself. It will collect parts from its environment and assemble them to produce a second machine of the same type which then starts collecting parts to construct a third machine and so on ad infinitum. A bright spot in the gloomy outlook is the fact that the self-reproducing machine has not yet been built.

Cost of Delinquency

The cost of apprehending and sending to an institution one youth who has committed a crime has been estimated at \$25,000 dollars. That is a lot to spend on someone for wrong doing. It is high time that we looked at what we might get for \$25,000 if we invested it at a much earlier point in a potential delinquent's life, when he first showed signs of getting into trouble. Prevention of delinquency is a good investment, and such prevention is possible through the gospel.

A Governor Speaks

Governor Frank G. Clement of Tennessee told the thirty-eighth annual convention of Kiwanis International that the nation must "breed atomic ideals" or die. The 32-year-old governor, youngest in office in the United States, stated, "A nation who can breed atom bombs, surely can breed atomic ideals. I say we must or we die. . . . The only idea big enough to unite a world is the idea of God. The only institution universal enough to engage all men is religious worship. The only emotion that can join all creatures in one communion is the love of God."

An Atomic Outlook

"For all we know, it may be the incomprehensible and the inscrutable will of God to make the 20th century closing time for the human race," Thomas E. Murray, atomic energy commissioner, has said, "And mankind now has within the range of his grasp means to exterminate the human race." This statement is interesting in the light of 2 Peter 3:10—"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the

works that are therein shall be burned up."

Millions Flying High

Douglas has announced that over 34,000,000 people has flown in the Douglas DC-6 and DC-6B giant 300 m.p.h. airliners. That is a lot of people traveling two models since their production a few years ago.

Traffic Deaths

With 6,500,000 automobiles jamming California's highways, a traffic accident takes place every minute and one person dies every two and a half hours. One car exists for every one and six-tenths persons in Sacramento, which has more cars per population than any other city in the United States. Nationally, one person is killed every 14 minutes in traffic crashes and one motorist is injured every 24 seconds. The cost of traffic accidents was \$3,500,000,000 last year, or \$23 per person.

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In the Maelstrom of War's Holocaust

Robert A. Vogeler languished in a Red jail in Vienna for a year and a half, an American business-man held prisoner for ransom. In seventeen months of his imprisonment he was not once permitted to see a single newspaper or magazine in any language. He repeatedly asked for a Bible, but it was not until September, 1950, that he received one. Later he was allowed several other volumes, standard classics. He has declared:

"The Bible gave me the greatest solace of all. I now know that, if I were marooned on a desert island, the Bible is the one book above all others that I would most like to possess."

A recent account of the almost miraculous rescue entitled "God Saved My Life in Korea" records a simple but penetrating incident which is paralleled by numerous like experiences in wartime: "During the four days we hid out, we read the Bible a lot and prayed much of the time."

—American Bible Society.

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It Costs to Build Well

Life is a building. It rises slowly day by day through the years. Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice that is silently rising within us. Every experience, every touch of another hand on ours, every influence that impresses us, every book we read, every conversation we have, every act of our

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer has brought dew and drought and rain

(Judges 6:36-40; James 5:17-18),
And raised the sick from beds of pain
(Mark 1:34, 35; 2:1-5),

Unlocked and opened prison doors
(Acts 12:7-8; 16:25-40),
And sent down Heaven's bounteous stores
(I Kings 3:1-14).

Through prayer there came a prophet's birth. (I Sam. 1),
And it has shaken, too, the earth
(Acts 4:31).

It checked the course of moon and sun
Until a victory was won
(Joshua 10:12, 13).

It closed the mouths of lions, too
(Dan. 6);
Enabled men to dare and do
(Ezra 8:21-23; Neh. 2).

It brought the angels from above
To tell the story of God's love
(Dan. 9:23; 10; Acts 10:1-7).

It's opened heaven's pearly gates
(Acts 7:55-60; Luke 3:21, 22)

To show the joy that there awaits
The ones who've passed through toil and pain
For Jesus' sake a crown to gain.

Prayer oft has made the lame to walk
(Acts 3:1-8; 8:7),

Cast demons out, made dumb to talk
(Mark 1:35, 39);

By it the blind received their sight
(Mark 8:22-25),

Has given power to stand for right,
When earthly powers have assailed,
And every human help has failed
II Chron. 20:1-22).

Prayer quenched the mighty flames of fire
(Num. 11:12)

And saved from awful judgment dire
(Jonah 2);

Has caused the wicked one to flee
(Luke 4:13)

And given power to tread the sea
(Matt. 14:25-32);

Has calmed the stormy sea's mad wave
(Mark 4:39)

And shown the power of Christ to save
(Luke 22:31, 32).

It has brought happiness in pain
(II Cor. 6:10),

And caused the dead to live again
(II Kings 4:32-36; I Kings 17:20-23; Acts 9:40, 41).

It has transformed sinful men
Who in the depths of sin have been
(Luke 23:40-42; II Chron. 33:1-20).

It was in dark Gethsemane
That prayer won greatest victory
(Luke 22:44).

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